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Hon. Paul McCloskey
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Pete--

This is not entirely an invitation to go into some public-spirited muckraking, though with a new administration, some headway might be possible.

I am no fan of Garrison's, but it was a dirty game to release his psychiatric files (reported by the Chicago Tribune, and then the NYTimes on 12/30/67.) I watched intently for a follow-up and the most I ever found was this brief clip from the AMA News. I know (from your remarks on the Census) that you are very much concerned about rights of privacy. On the strength of that, I would ask you to make some inquiry of the US Army, at least to get the official releases behind the AMANews story; and use your own judgment whether to pursue it any further.

I will also make an innocent inquiry as a private citizen, but doubt if I will get any reply.

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The NSF is getting clobbered again, as you predicted. Can you help wake up your fellow congressmen that this makes the seed corn for our technological affluence and commercial survival, not to mention the hope of ever dealing with our environmental problems.

Sincerely
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